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To the Churches

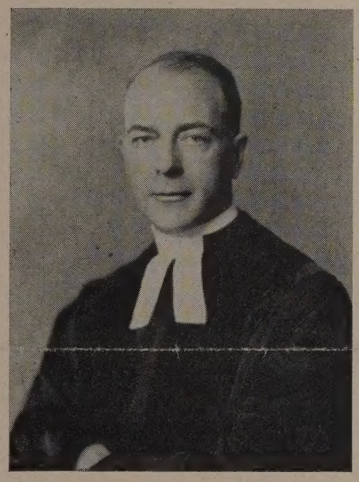
The Conference goes to the churches! hat was the decision of the Board in nuary, and the month of October is be- g devoted to one-day meetings in more an 20 centers. The strongest possible ogram for the day is being set up, with ports of the many worth-while projects the Conference given by Superinten- ent Gill and Field Secretary Meyer. Dr. ouglas Horton, Minister of the General ouncil, from New York, will lead devo- ons and be a special speaker for the st eight of the meetings. Mrs. Everett lake (Lynda Goodsell) of Turkey will e at each place, telling her thrilling ory in her own inimitable way. Repre- ntatives of the Federation of Congre- ational Women will conduct a women's our in each place. During the same pe- od there will be conferences for men, rgely centered about the opportunity or the churches afforded by the return- ng Service men. There will be young eople's rallies in a number of places. here will be an evening dinner at each enter, and adequate arrangements for nch on week days. The Sunday pro- rams will begin at 2:30 and continue rough the evening. On week days the essions will open at 10 in the morning. hurches will do well to think in much rger terms in securing their delegations han they have done either for meetings f the State Conference or Associations. t would be well to set a goal of not less han one-fourth of the membership of he church in attendance. Now that gas ationing has been lifted, that should not e impossible.

Following is the schedule of meetings, ut it is to be understood, and publicity naterial will make clear, that other hurches in the vicinity are attending at ach of these centers:

Monday, October 1—Fresno Cross
Tuesday, October 2—Tulare
Wednesday, October 3—Stockton
Thursday, October 4—Sacramento
Friday, October 5—San Mateo
Sunday, October 7—San Leandro Broadmoor
Monday, October 8—Berkeley First
Tuesday, October 9—San Francisco First
Wednesday, October 10—Sonoma
Thursday, October 11—Santa Rosa
Friday evening, Oct. 12 to Sunday, Oct. 14—Ferndale and Eureka
Tuesday, October 16—Weaverville
Thursday, October 18—Alturas
Friday, October 19—Paradise
Sunday, October 21—Oroville
Monday, October 22—Auburn
Tuesday, October 23—Pittsburg
Wednesday, October 24—Benicia
Thursday, October 25—San Jose
Friday, October 26—Pacific Grove
Sunday, October 28—Santa Cruz.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE

Rev. J. Ford Forsyth has arrived from Canada and will be in charge of Plymouth House, our student center for the University of California, replacing Rev. David Stowe who is now beginning his training under the American Board for the China mission field. Mr. Forsyth took graduate work at Pacific School of Religion a few years ago. He has served as pastor in Canada and at one time was offered the secretaryship of Student Christian Work for the entire Dominion. Mrs. Forsyth was formerly secretary of the University Y.W.C.A. in Berkeley.



Rev. Douglas Horton, D.D., LL.D., Minister and Secretary of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, who will lead devotions and be a special speaker at the first eight of the October meetings.

CAZADERO'S NEXT STEPS

At an important summer meeting of the Cazadero Camp Commission the following projects were approved for immediate improvement of the property:

1. The purchase of additional water storage tanks and the replacement and rerouting of a portion of the water pipe.

2. To make repairs in the kitchen and on the porch of the ranch house and to add a lavatory.

3. To build at least two cottages for boys, using a standard plan which will be followed for all such units.

4. To add lavatory facilities to the girls' dormitory.

Other improvements will follow as time, labor, and money will permit. It is the purpose of the Commission to make only such improvements as a camp will require and not to make of it anything like a summer resort with attendant high cost of operation.

POSTWAR NEEDS

Rev. Ralph V. Conard of Alameda has been appointed by the Conference Board of Directors as chairman of the committee that will be in charge of raising Northern California's share of the fund for Congregational postwar needs. Elsewhere in this issue is a table showing those needs.

The plan, briefly, is this: Churches are asked to increase regular apportionment giving by something over one-third. That level of giving should be maintained permanently, but over a three year period will care for the present missionary expenditures and in addition the items approved for the "substantial and courageous increase."

Churches already giving to War Victims and Reconstruction are requested to double their gifts, and other churches to come forward proportionately.

In planning the budgets for the Every Member Canvass of this coming autumn, these matters should have very careful consideration.

Rev. Albert D. Stauffacher, minister and general secretary of the Missions Council of Congregational Christian Churches, will be in Northern California September 14 to 18. In the evening of the 14th he will meet with the executive committee and on Monday afternoon and evening, the 17th, with the larger committee and with pastors to plan for Northern California's participation in the campaign for postwar needs, under the chairmanship of Rev. Ralph V. Conard of Alameda.

RELIEF PACKAGES

A number of our churches will be glad to send Christmas packages for overseas to send Christmas packages for overseas tor of our Service Committee, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., full information can be had. Cartons can be purchased, which will include cost of the carton, collecting, packing, and shipping overseas. When the carton is ordered, complete instructions and list of appropriate items will be forwarded with the carton. It is necessary to act promptly for the filled boxes must be back in New York by October 15.

Adventuring

Our first season at Congregational Cazadero has been a real adventure in pioneering. Every day brought some new discovery or new achievement. There was the day when hikers discovered the Old Corral, and the day a group first hiked to Mohrhardt Peak. There was the feeling of security when the firebreak around camp was complete, and when the new cesspool was finished.

Every camper has had a share in helping our camp to grow and improve—cleaning up junk piles, building or moving fences, making trails and signs, cutting trees at the pool, improving the Bowl. And, then, of course, each has had a turn at K.P., too!

Attendance at the camps—not including staff—has totaled about 650, in spite of the difficulties of transportation and of competing jobs. These delegates and counselors have come from all areas of the Conference, except the San Joaquin Association which had its own camp at Lake Sequoia.

Pioneering at Cazadero that has counted most has been the founding of a new community—a Christian community in the wilderness. Around the dining tables and the dishpans, in the dorm and on vesper hill have been born the traditions and standards for Christian living that are not described by statistics but that do mold life.

The classes at summer camp fill the morning hours with both inspiration and practical techniques of Christian service. Impossible to summarize, these classes bear tribute to the best efforts of our ministers, who have been leading them! Space forbids even the listing of all who helped.

Around the campfire and at the Communion table, campers find not only inspiration and fellowship but decision for life. At least one young man is ready to go into the ministry after his experience at camp. And there are very few who have not done serious heartsearching, and grown closer to God, under the bright stars and the tall trees of Cazadero.

The churches of the Conference and the families that make them up owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women who served as directors, faculty members, camp crews, and cooks.

RONALD BRIDGES COMES

Pacific School of Religion has called to the presidency Dr. Ronald Bridges, moderator of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches of the United States. His coming is unique in that rarely if ever has there been a layman appointed as the head of a theological seminary. But rarely has there been a more enthusiastic reaction to an event than his election. During the autumn months he expects to visit England as a representative of our General Council. In his absence Mr. Galen Fisher will serve as acting president. Dr. Bridges will come to Berkeley and carry forward his new work beginning about the first of the year.

MARY INGLE EN ROUTE TO GREECE

A host of people in northern California churches who heard Miss Mary Ingle last spring at the Association meetings will be glad to know that she got away for England early in July and presumably is at Anatolia College for the opening of the fall term.

WE WILL DO OUR PART

SUMMARY OF POSTWAR NEEDS

A. Relief, Rehabilitation of Peoples, and Replacement of Properties Damaged or Destroyed by War. (Funds to Be Secured through Gifts to the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction.)

	(Each Year)	(Three-year Total)
1. Increased Relief to War Victims	$ 450,000	$1,350,000
2. Rehabilitation of Uprooted Peoples	60,000	180,000
3. Ministry to Returning Service Men in Colleges and Universities	55,000	165,000
4. Replacement of Property Losses on the Foreign Field	431,507	1,294,520
Total to be Secured through C. W. V. R.	$ 996,507	$2,989,520

B. Strategic Needs and Opportunities Occasioned by the War. (Funds to Be Secured through an Expansion of the Substantial and Courageous Increase through Apportionment Channels.)

1. Strengthening our Churches at Home and Abroad		
(a) Deepening the Spiritual Life in our Churches at Home	$ 34,000	$ 102,000
(b) Rehabilitation and Leadership for our Churches	100,000	300,000
(c) Development of Churchmanship among our Laymen	21,667	65,000
(d) Rehabilitation of Negro College and School Buildings	73,333	220,000
(e) Aid to and Fellowship with our Younger Churches Abroad	55,333	166,000
2. Delayed Repairs on Foreign Mission Property	43,950	131,850
3. Building Understanding and Goodwill in Critical Tension Areas	66,667	200,000
Total to be Secured through an expansion of the S. C. I.	$ 394,950	$1,184,850

SUMMARY

Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction	$ 996,507	$2,989,520
The Substantial and Courageous Increase	394,950	1,184,850
	$1,391,457	$4,174,370
For general expenses, including printing and postage, traveling expenses, meetings, continuing present C. W. V. R. administrative expenses, and contingent items. Proportionate share of these general expenses will be added to the C. W. V. R. and S. C. I. totals	97,402	292,206
Grand Total	$1,488,859	$4,466,576

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"ALL ONE BODY, WE"

Two splendid programs of work to help the returning Japanese are being carried forward in Oakland and Fresno, where we have had through the years splendid Japanese Congregational churches.

In Fresno, early in the summer, arrangements were made with Rev. Hideo Hashimoto of the Japanese Methodist Church to befriend our returning Congregational people. Not until a large number of the Congregational Japanese people have returned will it be determined whether or not our church, as such, will continue.

In July Rev. Norio Ozaki returned to Oakland. The property on Sycamore Street, which had been rented, was vacated, and with the help of young people and a good many Christian friends, not only of our own but other denominations, a thorough redecoration and repair of the property was made. Equipment for a hostel has been gathered, so that Japanese people who are returning to Oakland are being housed and boarded at a minimum cost until jobs are secured and homes found. Each Sunday a number attend one of our Caucasian churches.

The money making these two projects possible is coming from the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction, but on a temporary basis only, but is a significant Christian service in which our people are glad to share.

REV. WILLIAM J. MINCHIN

On the 13th of June Rev. William J. Minchin passed away at his home at Pilgrim Place, Claremont. Although for many years he was afflicted with a heart ailment, his passing was unexpected. He will be remembered with sincere affection and deep respect by churches and ministers in this Conference, which he served for more than seven years as superintendent, retiring from that office December 31, 1929. He came to California from Colorado, where he was Conference superintendent, and prior to that time had been pastor of churches in the middlewest and New England. Following retirement he engaged in book business in Berkeley and in Claremont and for a time served the First Congregational Church of Santa Barbara. He is survived by his widow, one daughter, and two grand-daughters.

DECORATED! ! !

The 100th Infantry Battalion, composed entirely of Americans of Japanese ancestry, has fought throughout the Italian campaign. It is one of the most decorated units in the United States Army. This unit, made up of a total of 1315 men, has received the following decorations: Over 1,000 Purple Hearts, 11 Distinguished Service Crosses, 44 Silver Stars, 31 Bronze Stars, 3 Legion of Merit decorations, 1 War Department Unit citation for outstanding service in battle.

EIGHT MONTHS

No quite, but almost, maintaining the lead over last year that we showed at the beginning of summer. All together for the final pull.

Church—	June 1 to Aug. 31, '45	Jan. 1! to Aug. 31, '45	Jan. 11 to Aug. 31, '44
Adin	$ 11.80	$ 28.80	$ .....
Alameda	255.39	653.97	556,69
Alturas	26.15	63.10	58.60
Angels Camp	.....	103.00	37.59
Antioch	39.45	75.16	58.34
Auburn	65.50	115.50	111.60
Benicia	.....	230.00	.....
Berkeley—			
Arlington	32.33	77.99	47.60
First	1,495.32	4,641.17	4,022.04
North	171.90	422,20	380.49
South	212.57	434.57	.....
Campbell	74.00	154.00	155.00
Cedarville	.....	.....	50.00
Cloverdale	.....	47.95	77.36
Cotati	.....	85.00	86.14
Crockett	13.47	31.79	104.06
Etna	.....	.....	5.84
Eureka	188.75	345.63	362.97
Fairfax	65.94	65.94	25.00
Ferndale	153.90	252.60	256.00
Fresno, First	.....	550.00	811.24
Pilgrim	.....	414.62	200.00
Glen Ellen	.....	21.00	54.05
Guerneville	13.87	33.87	.....
Hayward	.....	100.00	200.00
Kenwood	.....	11.46	21.47
Lodi, First	.....	1,569.00	1,608.78
Loleta	11.00	51.23	46.85
Loomis	56.32	80.18	27.13
Martinez	126.35	295.88	278.86
Murphys	.....	83.40	81.00
Niles	50.00	55.00	55.00
Oakland, First	1,370.00	3,570.00	3,680.00
Fruitvale	15.00	30.00	30.00
Japanese	.....	15.00	.....
Pilgrim	12.00	45.00	35.00
Plymouth	160.65	736.84	808.22
Orinda	60.00	155.80	18.00
Oroville	79.68	224.35	205.58
Pacific Grove	65.65	265.15	97.58
Palo Alto	.....	525.00	250.00
Paradise	75.00	175.00	200.00
Parlier	.....	.....	50.00
Penngrove	21.99	61.35	73.59
Pescadero	.....	.....	10.00
Petaluma	332.50	627.25	288.37
Pittsburg	39.58	157.94	112.65
Port Chicago	.....	37.56	105.82
Porterville	400.00	800.00	400.00
Redwood City	.....	210.07	493.39
Reedley	.....	25.00	.....
Rio Vista	.....	70.00	44.00
Ripon	106.17	182.60	179.85
Sacramento	240.00	640.00	640.00
Salida	45.00	86.00	65.00
San Carlos	80.00	160.00	115.51
San Francisco—			
Bethany Msn. Pk.	150.00	225.00	88.00
Calvary	.....	.....	30.00
First	192.70	558.27	657.60
Ocean View	.....	66.15	80.00
Park Presidio	48.00	130.00	54.00
San Jose	127.30	433.72	523.74
San Leandro	107.95	133.35	88.20
San Mateo	73.42	510.95	867.16
San Rafael	50.00	79.00	105.00
Santa Cruz	105.00	475.00	570.00
Santa Rosa	27.00	132.00	154.50
Saratoga	171.60	351.05	315.35
Sebastopol	127.82	221.60	216.82
Sonoma	.....	46.68	42.45
Soquel	60.00	90.00	118.00
Stockton	162.30	468.74	387.63
Suisun	50.00	75.00	50.00
Sunnyvaleu	.....	.....	50.30
Tulare	250.00	565.00	169.00
Weaverville	.....	75.00	70.00
Woodside	.....	23.80	53.80
Reno, Nevada	184.70	364.40	393.09
*Miscellaneous and Individual	42.97	856.75	1,180.92
	$ 8,097.99	$25,775.38	$23.947.82

Includes individual gifts for new work, Pilgrim Fellowship contributions, and per capita taxes from German churches.

Be With Us, Lord In Times of Peace

In heedless years that follow war
When roaring drums of battle cease,
We need Thee more; we do implore,
Be with us, Lord, in times of peace.

Defeat can triumph after war;
While we rejoice our foes increase.
We need Thee more; we do implore,
Be with us, Lord, in times of peace.

Pray, let us guard our hard-won peace
With valor greater than in war.
We need Thee more when battles cease.
Be with us, Lord, we do implore.

—DON BLANDING.

WILLIAM WARREN FERRIER

Rev. William Warren Ferrier, D.D., who for a quarter of a century was editor of The Pacific, passed away in Berkeley early Monday morning, August 20. He had recently passed his nintieth birthday. Dr. Ferrier was born in Indiana. He was ordained to the ministry of the Congregational Churches in 1889. He served pastorates in Seattle, Washington, and Pacific Grove, California, before becoming editor of The Pacific. Under his direction The Pacific was a coastwide journal of religious opinion as well as news. Following his retirement from that post, he spent the remaining years of his life in research and in historical writing. Several books were written, including a history of education in California, a history of the city of Berkeley, and a history of the University of California. He wrote historical pamphlets, such as regarding the First Congregational Church, Berkeley, of which he had been an active member more than forty years, and had all but completed a manuscript for a history of Congregationalism on the Pacific Coast.

Dr. Ferrier will be remembered by his many friends for his keenness of mind, his incisive style of writing, his painstaking care in uncovering facts, and his progressive insight regarding the social and political implications of the religion of Jesus Christ.

Funeral services were conducted in his beloved church by his pastor, Rev. Vere V. Loper. Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Rose B. Ferrier, and his son, Prof. William Warren Ferrier, Jr., of the law department of the University of California.

MORE THAN EVER

V-E Day and V-J Day have come and gone, bringing deep relief and thankfulness to millions of people. Perhaps some of us are thinking that now the fighting has ended, our Committee for War Victims and Services is no longer needed, but this is far from the truth. The clear-sighted members of that group decided last June to change the name to the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction, to indicate the new and challenging phase of the work upon which we are entering. While we are still giving urgently needed assistance to those wounded in body and mind, we now seek also to help restore what has been destroyed. Dr. Boynton Merrill has been succeeded as chairman of the Committee by Dr. Albert B. Coe, who deserves our ardent support.

Reports from Holland and from Greece tell of our accomplishments in those countries, but also of the desperate situation still existing. In Holland homes are needed, but where are the hammers to build them? Factories, machinery, and transportation have all been destroyed. For five years there has been no constructive education nor technical training. Everybody is suffering from malnutrition. Children particularly need food and instruction in right ways of living.

Because of the serious plight of our fellow churches in England, many of which have been destroyed or irreparably damaged, the Committee has voted a large sum to help in necessary reconstruction. Faithful English workers, too, must be assisted if they are to go on.

Our offerings, therefore, are still vital and "our good name may even become a glorious one" if we continue our efforts and contributions without slackening.

—MIRIAM S. CONVERSE.

REV. EDWIN T. SHERMAN

At the last minute, as The Pacif goes to press, word has come of th sudden deat hof Rev. Edwin T. She man of Rio Vista, formerly Conferenc field secretary.

UNIT PLAN

Rev. N. F. Sanderson has again as sumed responsibility for raising Norther California's share of the Unit Plan. Thi plan is finally to take care of the obliga tions of the Congregational fellowship t the ministers who joined the Origina Plan of annuities. In the three years i which this Unit Plan has been in effec more than half of the total has been se cured. Churches and individuals by little extra effort could really complet this job in Northern California this year Mr. Sanderson should have the gratitud and the loyal cooperation of every pas tor and of financially able laymen in ou Conference.

HAPPY AT LOOMIS

Rev. J. H. Bennett, formerly pastor at Campbell, was married during the summer to Mrs. Helen E. Garner. Mrs. Garner will be remembered by many Congregationalists as the daughter of the late Rev. G. Southwell Brett. They have moved into the parsonage at Loomis and undertaken the pastorate of that church, much to the joy of the people of the community. A reception was held on August 22, which was a very happy affair.

Chaplain (Captain) William R. Steininger, after a full year in the jungles of New Guinea and several months in the Philippines, has been returned to the United States and is under hospital care for battle fatigue. Captain Steininger's outfit saw about 120 consecutive days of combat in the taking of Luzon. He is at Moore General Hospital in North Carolina.

RIO VISTA. A successful vacation school, with an enrollment of 60, was held for two weeks. Rev. E. T. Sherman, pastor, conducted classes at one of the Cazadero conferences, which was attended by several of his own young people. A new married couples' club has a membership of fifty couples.

FERNDALE. Rev. Robert B. Whitaker has resigned, to take effect November 1, in order that he and Mrs. Whitaker may spend some time in study in preparation for what they hope will be an early return to their mission field in North China.

SANTA ROSA. The church has purchased a kodachrome slide and film strip projector. Rev. Gordon Foster, the pastor, has been taking his vacation during August.

SAN RAFAEL. Rev. Robert G. Kay terminated his relationship with the church in July.

ETNA AND CALLAHAN. Rev. Arthur K. Pritchett is now serving this Congregational-Methodist federated field.

Dr. Frederick L. Fagley of our General Council reports that we have 482 chaplains in service under our sponsorship, and that our full quota has been met.

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MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Rev. John G. Hickey has resigned after eight years in this county. Not only has he ministered to the churches of Angels Camp and Murphys but has preached in many other places, encouraged Sunday Schools, made pastoral calls and conducted funerals over a wide area, and of late served as chaplain in at the California Youth Authority camps at Fricot and Big Trees. At the end of September he will depart for Beaverton, Oregon, where he will serve as interim minister, a task requiring much less expenditure of physical effort. Right up to the last the work in Calaveras County has been pushed. New roof for the Angels Camp Church is going on and is paid for, services of thanksgiving for the return of peace were held in both churches, and organization for the new church year is being put in order.

PETALUMA. Rev. Herbert C. Gans of Sylvania, Ohio, will begin work with this church early in September. He is a graduate of Concordia College and Oberlin School of Theology. He was pastor at Sylvania for three years, where he made an enviable record. Previously he had been pastor at Reed City, Michigan; Flint, Michigan; and the Denison Church of Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Gans is the daughter of the great Y.M.C.A. leader, "Dad" Elliott, and she is herself a licensed minister.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Among the summer preachers who have been heard during the vacation of Rev. Jason Noble Pierce were Rev. Torrance Phelps of Sacramento, Rev. Ralph W. Sockman of New York, Rev. Allen A. Stockdale of New York, and Rev. Harold D. Wilson of the California Temperance Federation. On July 29 a great midsummer musical program was presented by the choir.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. This church joined with the Baptist and Christian Churches in a vacation school for children. On the first Sunday of June eighteen persons were received into membership. An outstanding phase of the program of this church is the cradle roll under the direction of Mrs. A. C. Sullivan, which now numbers about three hundred. Rev. Torrance Phelps is pastor.

TRINITY COUNTY. After a long lapse, services are being held at Lewiston, a combined Sunday School with preaching and worship. The Weaverville Church has adopted a new constitution, increasing the number of deacons to give county-wide interest and service. Under the leadership of Rev. Forrest P. Knapp, the church has made a careful study of its program and its opportunities.

GUERNEVILLE. The Presbyterian camp at Camp Meeker attended church in a body on the first Sunday of July. Fourteen delegates have been in attendance at Cazadero. V-J Day services were largely attended and a formal thanksgiving service the following Sunday brought out eighty people. Rev. Henry Hayden is pastor.

SARATOGA. This church accepted with keen regret the resignation of Rev. Fred R. Morrow, who soon is to go to Orinda. During his pastorate, the splendid new religious education wing was built and paid for.

ANTIOCH. Financial report for the first six months of the year was highly favorable, showing a balance in the treasury of more than $2,000. Rev. Tom Watt is pastor.

EUREKA. Rev. Charles H. Hudson, the dean of pastors in the Northern California Conference, has resigned to take effect as soon as a successor can be chosen and begins work. Mr. Hudson's plans for the future have not yet been announced. Through the years he has been not only the successful and greatly beloved pastor of the church but a most highly respected citizen and leader in the entire city. Throughout a very large area of Northern California his voice has been listened to regularly over the Eureka radio station, which has broadcast his morning services. Almost single-handed he developed his own campground at Miranda, for children, young people, and older folk who need an outing and the summer conference experience.

ORINDA. Rev. Fred R. Morrow will be welcomed as the pastor of this church on October 1. Upon the resignation of Rev. Palmer Williams, who went into the Navy as a chaplain, the church at once turned to Mr. Morrow of Saratoga, with whom they had held conversation a year ago. This time Mr. Morrow accepted, and he will lead the church not only in coming to a position of power and influence, but in the building of its new edifice.

LODI, FIRST. The sanctuary and the Sunday School rooms have been redecorated and are now very attractive. The church has been represented at the Cazadero Central Area Camp and the Junior High Camp. Four hundred fifty pounds of books were gathered for the Philippine Islands. Rev. A. R. Boone, the pastor, led the service on V-J Day, which was largely attended by members and friends.

SAN LORENZO. The Sunday School has grown to an attendance of 156 even though facilities are utterly inadequate and very discouraging. A full scale junior high recreation and athletic program has been carried out. During the summer Rev. Homer A. Schwarz, minister, had the assistance of A. Delmar Wedel and for a time, in the pulpit, Rev. Charles A. Stanley.

HAYWARD. Rev. Richard C. Norberg began work on July 1, Mrs. Norberg and their two children arriving a little later. Plans for the new church building are being made, church attendance has greatly improved, and everyone concerned feels that in the months ahead the church will move on to an entirely new and higher level of strength and usefulness.

GRASS VALLEY. This church has called as pastor Rev. Willard W. Turner, who some years ago was pastor at San Rafael and has more recently been in Kansas.

MARTINEZ. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, who for more than five years has been pastor of the San Francisco Grace United Church, has been called and will begin work as pastor of this church on September 9. Mr. Gaylord took his theological training at Pacific School of Religion, during which time he was pastor at Port Chicago, and after graduation served churches in southern California at Brea and Eagle Rock. He has carried the work at the Grace United Church to the great satisfaction of both Congregational and Methodist members. He is in the prime of life, and Martinez people are looking forward to great growth in strength and influence of their church under his leadership.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Sixty-eight children were enrolled in the Vacation Church School. Six persons united with the church the last Sunday of August. The grounds around the building have been beautified. The church is in the market for an electric organ. The entire church constituency has been placed on The Pacific subscription list. Rev. Byron E. Eshelman, the pastor, and his wife were on the staff of the Junior High Camp No. 1 at Cazadero.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. During the summer Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Sill were happy to announce the coming of their second daughter, Beverly Jeanne. Church congregations have been maintained at a high level through the summer. Mr. Sill recently officiated at the marriage of his brother. The bridegroom, best man, and minister were brothers and the matron of honor their sister.

PESCADERO. Beginning with the first of July, Rev. William F. Keeney has been living in Pescadero, being the first resident minister for many years. He will continue his studies at Pacific School of Religion during the fall and winter. A monthly news sheet will be sent out. The minister will lead the released time class in religious education.

BERKELEY, FIRST. Rev. Vere V. Loper spent the last week of August in Colorado for the Committee on War Victims and Reconstruction, of which he is Western Vice-President. His pulpit was occupied by Rev. J. Ford Forsyth, new associate minister and director of Plymouth House.

SALIDA. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath is terminating her second pastorate with this church. She plans to make her home in the Salida community. During recent weeks a very neat and modest chancel arrangement of the sanctuary has been made, which can be changed to allow room for less formal programs.

CAMPBELL. Mr. Robert Carlson, graduate of Pacific School of Religion last June, and former pastor of our church at Suisun, has been called to the leadership of this church and began work on August 1. The minister's study has been completely decorated and furnished, and other improvements are to be made in the church plant. Attendance has been unusually large for August. Mr. Carlson will be seeking ordination at an early date. He is the son of Dr. Frank Carlson, Comptroller of Pacific School of Religion and formerly Superintendent of the Oregon Congregational Conference.

SAN CARLOS. To meet the religious needs of the children of this rapidly growing community, this church has engaged Rev. Weldon Batty as Director of Religious Education and Young People's Work. Mr. Batty will devote part time to advance studies at Stanford University. His wife has been teacher in the weekday schools of religious education in San Mateo County. According to Rev. H. J. Loken, the pastor, it will be necessary to get started with another building program within a very few months. This autumn some Sunday School classes will be held in the City Hall.

ALTURAS. Rev. R. D. Licklider had the privilege of being called back to attend an anniversary service in Oklahoma City of a church to which he was called 35 years ago, which then had but 28 members. The church now has a membership of 2,700 with property valued at nearly a quarter of a million dollars. The anniversary was observed by the dedication of an educational building.

TULARE. Rev. Clayton H. Gill of Gloucester, Mass., has been called as pastor of this church and is on the field. Mr. Gill is a graduate of the College of the Pacific, of Chicago Theological Seminary, and holds his Ph.D. degree from Northwestern. Prior to his pastorate in Massachusetts, he was educational director in the New England area for the Red Cross.

RENO, NEVADA. Another lovely window has been installed and dedicated. It pictures Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Rev. Arthur L. Rice, the pastor, served on the faculty of the Presbyterian High School Conference at Lake Tahoe. Vacation supply preachers included Superintendent Harley H. Gill, Rev. Holland Burr, and Rev. Torrance Phelps.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. Rev. Ivan Y. Wong has resigned and expects to establish his home in or near New York City in order to study at Columbia University for an advanced degree. Rev. N. F. Kwang is serving the church as an interim pastor while awaiting the opportunity of returning to China.

ALAMEDA. A full-page chart-calendar for June has been mimeographed and sent to the members. This shows the meetings scheduled for all departments of the church, youth and adult. Rev. Ralph Conard is pastor.

SANTA CRUZ. The minimum Sunday attendance during the summer was 202 and the average for three months 242. Rev. H. S. Mahood is pastor.

BUILDER OF MOUNTAINS

Builder of mountains, make me like a mountain.
Firm let me stand against the winds of strife.
Give me a soul that reaches up to heaven,
But plant my feet in needs of human life.

God of the ocean, give me love outreaching
To farthest shores of every race and clan.
Give me the will to serve, as did my Master,
Unceasingly to help my brother man.

God of the sunrise that drives out night's shadows,
Touch me with that great perfectness of thine
That I may bring thy brightness to earth's darkness,
That men may see thy light in this of mine.

Maker of great things, give me strength and courage;
Maker of small things, grant humility.
Show thy way, help me to walk within it,
Facing the world with strength I gain from thee.

—J. Neal Griffith.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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AUTUMN WORK BEGINS

After the June and July recess, the women of the Federation gathered as usual in the First Congregational church of Oakland, August 16. The women were greatly saddened by the word of the death of Mrs. T. E. Borden on the 2nd of the month. Mrs. Borden was President of the Federation in 1929, when she took over Mrs. Robert Brown's unexpired term, and in 1930. In a memorial service for Mrs. Borden, Mrs. James Price read the description of the "Virtuous Woman" in Proverbs. Mrs. C. T. Tinker, in an interesting talk on "Highlights of the Federation" in which she had summarized some of the outstanding characteristics of the various Presidents, added more specific items. Due to her large family with its resultant duties, Mrs. Borden had been unable to go about to the societies as previous Presidents had done, so she developed the importance of the Secretaries. Especially she stressed the work of the Commissioner. She said of this officer: "The commissioner is the door from the Federation to the local societies" and added that for her work to be operative, the door must be kept open. Three of the later Presidents came into the work of the Federation under Mrs. Borden: Mrs. R. A. Fuller, who served as Associational President in Central Association; Mrs. Tinker, who came in as Social Service Secretary; and Mrs. Price, who began her work as Young People's Secretary. Quietly resourceful, combining the practical with the spiritual, Mrs. Borden's personality, in the words of a friend, spoke of the closeness of her life with Christ.

A number of important items came before the Executive Board. Many changes are being made in the arrangements for both Conference and Federation. The State Conference Annual Meeting is to be divided this year and will be held in some 22 centers. Dr. Harley H. Gill, our State Superintendent; Dr. Douglas Horton, Mrs. Everett Blake (Lynda) and others, will be the speakers. It was also voted to have a meeting of the Federation in September, a month usually left open for Association meetings. The Federation will close its meeting in time for any Associations that wish to hold business meetings later. The exact day was not settled at the time, but your editor has since heard from Mrs. Price that it will be Tuesday, September 18; and the Secretary of Oakland First Church reports that that day is free on the church calendar of meetings, so the PLACE of meeting will be the regular one in the chapel of the church.

We are to have a new Secretary. Since inter-church fellowship should be emphasized more than ever in the coming months, it was voted that the Nominating Committee should at our next meeting present the name of an Interdenominational Secretary who should represent us at inter-church gatherings, and should also keep us in touch with the work of other organizations.

One of the most important union missionary organizations is the Missionary Education Movement (M.E.M.), which holds its conference each summer. Miss Mary Seely, who is on the M.E.M. Board as well as on our own Board, gave an interesting and informative talk on that movement: of the first California study-conference at Asilomar in 1913 (the National beginning was 43 years ago), of its development, of the painstaking care with which our study books are prepared, and of some of the personalities of the Conference. She told us that our own Dr. Hugh Vernon White has been elected President of the M.E.M. Board and Mrs. Price a member of it. So, in addition to the Congregationalists already on the Board, we are well represented and should be correspondingly interested.

Dr. Vere Loper, of the First Church of Berkeley, spoke of the campaign to raise $4,500,000 over a period of three years, which the Congregational-Christian churches are starting. He stated the five goals for which the money is to be raised: to relieve suffering; to help the "dislocated peoples" left by the war; to rebuild the churches and homes destroyed by war; to strengthen churches at home and abroad for the crucial tasks ahead; to build understanding and goodwill in tension areas. He urged us to work for a substantial and courageous increase. If the amount seems large in prospect, let us remember that many denominations are aiming even higher.

Books recommended for reading and study this coming year are: on the foreign theme, which is Africa, the following: "The Cross Over Africa," by N. S. Booth, "A Daughter of Africa" (the life of Mina Soga) by Ruth Seabury, and "Three-Coat Men," the work of our own American Board in Africa. On the home theme, "Uprooted Americans," the following: "These Moving Times" by H. N. Morse; "Christianity Where You Live," by Kenneth Underwood; "The City Church in the War Emergency," by Paul Douglass; and, again, our Congregational work specifically treated in "I'm A Stranger Here."

There was a special treat in the presence with us of Mrs. Maria Garcia from the Philippines. She was educated in our Mission schools, there, and was associated with Dr. Frank Laubach in his literacy campaign. She said that the collection of books or the money to purchase them would continue through the year. Packages or checks may be sent to Mrs. Garcia at the First Christian Church, Oakland, or the Presbyterian Headquarters, 228 McAllister St., San Francisco — if plainly marked for the Philippine book campaign.

A delightful letter from Mrs. H. B. Williams, Program Chairman of the San Carlos Community Church Guild, has been waiting some months for your editor to be able to share it with you. This concerns programs planned for this Fall. "Our pastor, Mr. Loken," writes Mrs. Williams, "has written six monologues in blank verse on little-known women of the Bible: Gomer, Jephthah's daughter, Rizpah, Deborah, Pharoah's daughter, and Mary Magdalene. A reader introduces each monologue; these are given in costume and are both dramatic and inspiring. Each one takes from five to twelve minutes and any number may be presented, depending upon the length of program desired." So these could be used either as a complete program in themselves or as an addition to some other program. The Guild also has a trained Verse-speaking Choir, which not only delights San Carlos people but has gone to other churches. It is the excellent idea of Mrs. C. L. Jackson, Association President, that the fellowship among member churches, so much desired, may be promoted by the interchange of talent. Mrs. Williams sounded so full of enthusiasm and ideas that your editor suggests you write her for further details or other plans. Her address is 1025 Rosewood Ave., San Carlos, California.

NEW SECRETARIES

Announcement comes from national offices of two reinforcements: Rev. Wofford C. Timmons of New Britain, Conn,. becomes Assistant Secretary of the General Council and Executive Secretary of its Commission on Evangelism. Dr. Timmons has been Chairman of the Commission on Evangelism, and Northern California ministers will remember his visit in the autumn of 1943, when a series of very valuable conferences were held.

The other recent addition to our national staff is the appointment of Rev. John A. Reuling, President of Northland College, who is to become an Associate Secretary in the Foreign Department of the American Board. Mr. Reuling was for 12 years engaged in Christian education work among the Bantu people of South Africa. After September 1 he will have major responsibility for our work in Africa.

A TEST OF A FREE COUNTRY

President Robert G. Sproul has said: "The right of loyal Japanese to come back if they so elect cannot be denied without a denial of all that America has hitherto meant to racial and religious minorities, of all that it has symbolized for the hopes of humanity." "Whenever constitutional guarantees are violated in the treatment of a minority, the whole fabric of American government is weakened. The test of a free country is the security it gives its minorities."

MISS VALLEY NELSON RETURNS

Miss Valley Nelson, who is known to many Northern California people as a very devoted and efficient nurse and missionary of the American Board, spent a few days in the Bay Area recently. On her evacuation from China she was caught in the Philippines and interned along with many other missionaries of our own and other fellowships. She was one of the last of our people to come back to America. She is in good health and looking forward to the day when she may return to China. From San Francisco she went to the northwest to be with relatives.

The sympathy of the whole Federation goes out to Mrs. T. T. Giffen, in the loss of her husband shortly after our last Federation meeting. We are glad that Mrs. Giffen is to continue as our Recording Secretary, with the assistance of Mrs. Charles McTaggart.

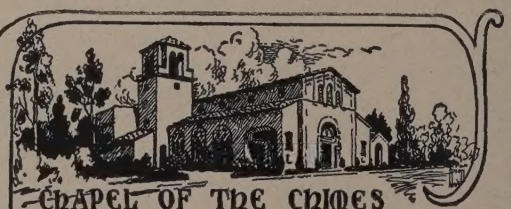
NEW PROJECT IN SACRAMENTO

A brand new church project is about to be launched. Following a study made in the winter by Secretary Stanley U. North of our Board of Home Missions and Superintendent Gill an allocation was secured of a territory known as Sierra Oaks and Sierra Oaks Vista, lying east of the city of Sacramento. During the summer a student at Pacific School of Religion was employed to make a house-to-house visitation. He actually called at 395 houses, securing pertinent data from each one. He found 159 children whose parents agreed to send them to a Sunday School and a total of 244 persons who might reasonably be called prospects for church membership. More important than this is the fact that when building materials are available there will be built in that area not less than 2500 houses, perhaps as many as 4000.

After careful search the Conference committee has secured for this new project Rev. Mary McKee Chester of Seattle, Washington, pastor of the Fauntleroy Church, and her husband, Rev. Joseph Chester, a Methodist minister, who are preparing to begin work about September 15. Through the cooperation of the Congregational Church Building Society a comfortable house on a full acre lot was purchased. The Chesters will use this property as a home and for the beginning of Sunday School work. The project will have sufficient financial backing to make steady progress from the very beginning. It will be jointly supported by the Conference and the Board of Home Missions.

ORDAINED

Many friends and admirers of Rev. Stanley Armstrong Hunter of St. John's Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, will be happy to know that his son, William Armstrong Hunter III, was ordained to the Congregational ministry in the Mt. Hollywood Congregational Church of Los Angeles. At the ordination service, the sermon was preached by Rev. Allan A. Hunter and the charge to the minister was given by Rev. Graham C. Hunter, both uncles of the candidate; and the ordination prayer was offered by Rev. Stanley A. Hunter, the father. The newly ordained minister is on the faculty of Talladega College.



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